

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Air Pollution Control Commission OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings May 25, 1954

May 25, 1954.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman C. H. Jack Crist at 7:40 P.M. in Room 202 of the City Hall.

Members Present—C. H. Jack Crist, M. G. Jones, W. E. Rasmusson, M. G. Valentine, R. A. Walters.

Members Absent—G. A. Andros, L. F. Oeming.

Also present at the meeting were: Mayor Ralph Crego, Ald. Glen Dean, Milo Ward of the First Ward, Robert Klock of the Sixth Ward, and Walter Hauser, Chairman of the City Auditing Committee.

Roscoe Walters was designated to act as Secretary to record the minutes of the meeting.

Chairman Crist opened the meeting by inviting Ald. Dean and Ward to feel free to discuss their problem in relationship to the Davison Chemical Company and this Commission. Ald. Dean stated that a problem arose in the First Ward on April 28 when a heavy dust cyclone from the Davison Chemical Company was blown over an area bordering about the company's location.

Ald. Dean further stated that his principal complaint centered about the Engineer, E. K. Platt, and the inconsistency revealed in his reports given this Commission and the aldermen. He requested the secretary to read the last paragraph of Mr. Platt's report for April 1954, to the Commission. Mr. Dean introduced as exhibits several pictures taken in the neighborhood on the evening of April 28 reflecting accumulated dust.

Chairman Crist instructed the Secretary to read the letter of the Davison Chemical Company dated May 21, 1954. The letter was read and placed on file.

The letter of Wm. B. Love, attached to the Michigan State College staff, out-

lining his observations of trees, shrubs and other vegetation in the area was read.

Ald. Dean reported on his telephone conversation with Mr. Platt on April 30, in which Mr. Dean had been given assurance that Mr. Platt would be in personal contact with him about 4:30 P.M. Mr. Dean arranged with a representative of the Michigan Department of Health to be there at that time, and Mr. Platt did not appear between 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Mr. Dean requested that the Secretary again read the final paragraph of Mr. Platt's April report.

Mr. Platt was called to the meeting by Chairman Crist at this point (9:00 p.m.). The substance of the discussion was recapitulated for Mr. Platt. Mr. Platt explained that he did not personally visit Mr. Dean on the 30th and stated that he visited complainants in the neighborhood of Davison Chemical Company as reported. Mr. Platt further stated that the observations contained in his report were accurate.

Mayor Crego, Ald. Dean, Ward and Klock, and Mr. Hauser asked to be excused from the meeting.

There was Commission discussion with Mr. Platt on matters relating to Commission reports, action on complaints of responsible city officials, and recording of all complaints received and their disposition. The Commission instructed Mr. Platt specifically with respect to performance of duties and reporting of time spent on each complaint.

The Commission concurred with the Chairman's suggestion that the Commission meet again on June 9, at 7:30 P.M. at the City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSCOE A. WALTERS,
Acting Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Air Pollution Control Commission OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings June 9, 1954

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. June 9, 1954, by Chairman C. H. Jack Crist in the Mayor's office, City Hall.

Present at the meeting were Coms. G. A. Andros, C. H. Jack Crist, M. G. Jones, L. F. Oeming, W. E. Rasmusson, M. G. Valentine and R. A. Walters. Absent: none—there being an unfilled vacancy from the First Ward.

Minutes of the last meeting (May 25, 1954) were read and approved. There was discussion of the printing of the minutes in the Council Proceedings, prior to Commission approval.

Chairman C. H. Jack Crist distributed copies of APC Engineer Ed Platt's May Report, with copies of the patrolling route about the city. There was discussion of the report.

Mr. Jones moved that the Chairman appoint a Committee to interview possible eligible candidates for APC Engineer. Motion seconded by Mr. Valentine.

Chairman Crist appointed Coms. W. E. Rasmusson, M. G. Jones, and R. A. Walters to the foregoing committee.

Com. Oeming suggested that an outline of duties, in the nature of a position description, be developed for the position

of APC Engineer. It was generally agreed that patrolling activities should be temporarily discontinued.

Com. Rasmusson suggested that the City Clerk notify the Commissioner of the Ward where a complaint originates. There was general concurrence with the suggestion and Com. Crist stated that he would discuss the matter with Miss Brown.

Com. Jones suggested that a form be prepared for use by interested parties, outlining essential facts when a complaint is made; and a procedure established whereby a copy of the dated complaint may be made available to the Commission member representing the Ward where the complaint originates, the APC Engineer and a copy for the file in the office of the City Clerk. Com. Crist stated that he would discuss this matter with Miss Brown.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSCOE A. WALTERS,
Acting Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Air Pollution Control Commission OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings June 30, 1954

June 30, 1954.

The meeting, which was held in the office of the Park and Cemetery, was called to order by the Chairman, C. H. Jack Crist.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Andros, Crist, Jones, McClure, Oeming, Rasmusson, Valentine —7.

Absent—Com. Walters—1.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as printed.

Com. Crist gave a detailed resume of the Air Pollution Control Commission since its creation and further stated it was his understanding from the Ordinance creating an Air Pollution Control Commission, in Section 1, paragraph (e) "Engineer" as used in this ordinance shall mean the person appointed by the Air Pollution Control Commission * * *." The APC Engineer, in turn, shall be responsible to the Commission and the resignation of the Engineer should be presented and accepted by the Commission, and not the City Council. Further, that the Engineer should make all reports and file expense accounts with the Commission who will make the decisions on reports and certify to the expenses which will be paid from the Air Pollution budget. In the hiring of a new Engineer, Mr. Crist maintains that the Commission should set the policy of the Engineer which should eliminate any further reflections of the Commission, as recently happened in the resignation of Engineer E. K. Platt.

Com. Andros concurred in the above statement.

Further discussion took place on the policy of the Commission with the Engineer. It was agreed that the regulation of Air Pollution caused by smoke, fumes, gases, fly ash, etc., should still be continued as an educational program.

Com. Oeming stated perhaps, in the past, some of the difficulties between the Commission and city officials had resulted

from the fact there had not been established a feeling of co-operation and to his thinking this is important to the success of the Commission and its employees.

Com. Rasmusson asked the question: "Shall the Commissioner to whom is referred the complaint go with the Engineer to investigate?" It was the consensus this would not be necessary, but the Engineer should report to the Commissioner of that Ward, and make a further report to the Commission. It was decided that the Engineer should be present at all meetings.

The Special Committee appointed on June 9, 1954, to interview possible candidates for the position of APC Engineer reported on their findings.

By Com. Valentine—

That the Special Committee be and is hereby authorized to approach the possible candidates for the position of APC Engineer, on a part time basis, at a salary of \$150.00 per month, plus mileage.

Carried.

Com. McClure reported that the Davison Chemical Corporation was still in violation. Mr. McClure lives very close to the plant and gave a detailed report on the violations. The Commissioners who have been on the Commission for some time, explained to Mr. McClure the work that had been done and the equipment that had been purchased to alleviate the nuisance. It was decided that Mr. Crist would try and arrange for a meeting with the Davison Corporation and he and Mr. McClure would interview the manager of the Corporation.

It was decided to hold a monthly meeting of the Commission on the last Wednesday of each month.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

MILLIE M. BROWN,
City Clerk.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Air Pollution Control Commission OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings July 19, 1954

July 19, 1954.

The meeting, which was held in the office of the Mayor, was called to order by Chairman C. H. Jack Crist.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Andros, Crist, Jones, McClure, Rasmusson, Valentine, Walters—7.

Absent—Com. Oeming—1.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as printed.

On special order of business, the qualifications for the position of APC Engineer from letters of applications by several applicants were reviewed. Applications were included from Lewis J. Miller, John A. Overhouse, and C. H. Pesterfield.

The Chairman of the Special Committee, Com. Rasmusson, stated that the Committee was unanimous in recommending the consideration of the application of Mr. C. H. Pesterfield. Com. Rasmusson moved that Mr. Pesterfield be appointed to the position. The motion was supported by Com. Jones. Mr. Pesterfield was then

interviewed in person by the full Commission.

There was a general discussion of the conditions of employment and duties of the position. Mr. Pesterfield was excused and the Commission then voted to employ Mr. C. H. Pesterfield to the position of APC Engineer, effective July 26, 1954.

Com. Rasmusson moved that the Commission employ Mr. Pesterfield at a retainer fee of \$150.00 per month, plus mileage. Motion supported by Com. Walters.

Carried.

It was understood that APC Engineer Pesterfield's salary for the month of July 1954 would be pro-rated on the basis of his entering on duty on July 26.

It was agreed to meet next on August 25th at 7:30 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSCOE A. WALTERS,
Acting Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Air Pollution Control Commission OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Aug. 25, 1954

August 25, 1954.

The regular meeting of the Commission was held in the office of the Mayor and was presided over by Com. Walters in the absence of Chairman C. H. Jack Crist.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Andros, Jones, Oeming, Rasmusson, Valentine, Walters—6.
Absent—Coms. Crist, McClure—2.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication addressed to Com. McClure from The Davison Chemical Corporation, regarding a pump which has been ordered to replace another pump to control the fumes which escape from the building, was read.

Received and placed on file.

Mr. Pesterfield, APC Engineer, gave a detailed report on the calls he had made during the month:

1. New York Central R.R. in the vicinity of Herbert Street.
2. Dutch Mill, incinerator operation.
3. Britton's Drug Store on 1515 S. Cedar Street burning garbage and creating a nuisance to Rheingold Bar at 1511 S. Cedar Street.
4. Odors at Maryland and Ormond, which proved to be sewer gas.

5. Fly ash in the vicinity of Barnes Ave.

6. Working with George F. Wyllie, Engineer City Sewage, on fumes emanating from the Sewage Disposal Plant.

7. The Fire Department should issue permits for burning on vacant lots.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Valentine—

That the APC Engineer be and is hereby authorized to write a letter to the New York Central Railroad, Mr. Crist to Sign, relative to the violation of Ordinance.

Carried.

By Com. Jones—

That Mr. Pesterfield be authorized to write the owner of Britton's Drug Store regarding the burning of garbage, which is creating a nuisance.

Carried.

By Com. Rasmusson—

That Mr. Pesterfield be given a note of thanks for the very fine report made.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

MILLIE M. BROWN,
City Clerk.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Air Pollution Control Commission OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Sept. 29, 1954

September 29, 1954.

The regular meeting of the Commission was held in the office of the Mayor and was called to order by Com. Walters in the absence of Chairman, C. H. Jack Crist.

ROLL CALL

* Present—Coms. Andros, Jones, McClure, Rasmusson, Valentine, Walters—6.
Absent—Coms. Crist, Oeming—2.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as printed.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

September 26, 1954.

Air Pollution Control Commission

City of Lansing

C. H. C. Jack Crist

Gentlemen:

As I retired from the last meeting of the Commission I went to the area south of Grand River and west of Washington Avenue to investigate the complaint of excessive fly ash. This complaint was found to be justified, however, further investigation indicated the inability at this time for the City of Lansing to correct the condition due to lack of equipment and lack of time. We feel that in time Moores Park Station will be completely converted to powdered coal with electrostatic precipitators, which will correct the complaints in this area.

Your engineer was called to the residence south of 910 Pine Street in Lansing, in which the owner, a recluse, had been burning garbage in his stove. After in-

vestigation the complaint was referred to the Fire Department, who has made investigation and recommendations to the owner.

The letter to the Britton Drug Store was sent out last month under your Chairman and my name. Nothing has been heard of it to this time, but investigation will be made shortly to see if compliance is effected.

September 2 your engineer attended a meeting in the Air Pollution offices of the City of New York. There was a joint interest in this meeting; one of self and the other in the Oil-Heat Institute. The meeting was very successful, however, your engineer ended up with a considerable job of assisting in the revision of their Regulations regarding heavy oil burning equipment and usage. Your engineer has followed up on this matter through an appointed Committee from the Oil-Heat Institute in New York City and will report back to the Air Pollution Commission before December 1.

Your engineer has deferred the writing of a citation letter to the New York Central Rail Road, principally because during the last three weeks the New York Central has had a Diesel engine in the area in which previous complaints had been filed. Your engineer has a feeling that since evidence of complaint is apparent we should refrain from antagonizing the Company until they show cause.

A complaint was filed against the Stanley Clark Cleaners, E. Michigan Avenue, during the week of September 12. Investigation showed that Mr. Watson, the present owner, was unmindful of the Air Pollution Ordinance or that he was creating a nuisance in his locality. Your engineer investigated his set up, advised his coal supplier and his service man as to what must be done to comply with the Ordinance. He seemed to be very willing to cooperate in any way that we might suggest.

The recent fire in west Lansing has

somewhat eliminated some of the complaints in this area. Your engineer has been informed that the chemical company manufacturing at the foot of Melrose Avenue is to be rebuilt. Before the fire I had contacted one of the representatives of this Company, who indicated willingness to cooperate in any way possible. With your permission I would like to solicit the assistance of the Industrial Health Division of the State Department of Health to inform the people as to the best methods for eliminating the continent they have so generously been expelling.

Your engineer has had at least a half-dozen calls regarding the garbage disposal plant on Sunset Avenue on the west side of Lansing. I am pleased to read the following letters relative to problem which shows evidence of the desirability of complying fully with the request of your engineer.

Very truly yours,

C. H. PESTERFIELD,
Air Pollution Engineer.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. McClure—

That the Clerk send a copy of the Air Pollution Ordinance to Mr. Obrecht, Chairman, and Victor Leyrer, Secretary of the City Plan Commission.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

MILLIE M. BROWN,
City Clerk.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Air Pollution Control Commission OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Oct. 27, 1954

October 27, 1954.

The regular meeting of the Commission was held in the office of the Mayor and was called to order by the Chairman, C. H. Jack Crist.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Crist, Jones, McClure, Oeming, Valentine—5.

Absent—Coms. Andros, Rasmusson, Walters—3.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

October 27, 1954.

Report to the Air Pollution Commission

C. H. Jack Crist, Chairman

Gentlemen:

During this month, your Engineer made several routine calls in the vicinity of South Lansing to check the railroads. It is with pleasure to find that it is only occasionally that N.Y.C. is using the steam engine in this area. This was later verified in a visit to the roundhouse.

Several calls were made in the vicinity of the roundhouse, upon the request of Com. McClure. Com. McClure reports a number of violations. He and your Engineer called upon the Supervisor at the roundhouse and were informed that any violation at that point was due to carelessness on the part of the operator and will be looked into. He also promised that all efforts will be made to see that no further violations are experienced.

Your Engineer also observed violations, prior to our visit, at the roundhouse and at the coal dock.

Your Engineer informed the Supervisor that any further violations would not be tolerated and in case complaints were made in the future, the District Manager

of the N.Y.C. will be asked to appear before the commission to show cause why the company should not be cited for violation. I would like to call upon Com. McClure for evidence of compliance.

Several calls came from the vicinity of the Garbage Disposal Plant. I made two trips, after the calls, and found that the area was fairly saturated with the vapors from the plant. I am informed that the plant sent the load of material to Battle Creek and it was found that the same results were secured there as in our plant in Lansing. Combustion Engineering Corp. has been contacted to see what can be done to relieve the situation. At this writing the writer has not been informed of the progress in this direction.

A call was made at Motor Wheel to see what progress had been made toward correcting several violations observed by your Engineer. Mr. Morris Linn has promised full assistance in correcting the difficulty, but asked your Engineer to call at the plant for assistance.

It will be necessary during the month of November to check several of the schools to assist them in correcting difficulties that have already been in evidence.

At the time the Commission employed me I felt that I did not desire to keep mileage records. However, I have found that during the past month, better than two hundred miles were required to carry out the function of the office. I beg your indulgence in presenting a mileage statement to be honored by the City Clerk, what limit is imposed.

Signed:

C. H. PESTERFIELD,
Air Pollution Engineer.

Mr. Valentine reported the only trouble in his ward for the past month had been caused by railroad engines. Mr. Jones reported on condition prevailing at the Sewage Disposal plant and Mr. McClure reported on the smoke emanating from the

engines on the N.Y.C. Railroad and the Davison Plant.

By Com. Valentine—

That Mr. Pesterfield's mileage for the month of October for the amount of \$23.20 be allowed.

RESOLUTIONS

Carried.

By Com. McClure—

That Mr. Pesterfield be directed to write to the proper officials of the N.Y.C. Railroad asking them to appear before the Commission at their next meeting.

The November Commission meeting was postponed to meet on December 1, 1954, because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Carried.

MILLIE M. BROWN,
City Clerk.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Municipal Parking Authority OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Oct. 14, 1954

October 14, 1954.

Chamber of Commerce Bldg.
Lansing, Michigan.

The regular meeting of the Parking Authority Commission was called to order by Mr. J. M. Maynard at 1:40 P.M.

A letter from Gordon O'Keefe of Detroit was read and discussed. It was suggested that the Secretary write a letter advising Mr. O'Keefe that the report from Ramp Buildings Corp. is not in and if parking structures are recommended for our downtown area in their report, we will be glad to talk to him.

ROLL CALL

Information from Western Railroad Supply Co. was discussed.

Present:

Coms. Bollert, Gordon, and Maynard—3.
Ex-Officio Members Hayes, Leyrer, and Thornton—3.

Ald. Peck and Stabler (Council Committee).

A letter from Walter Hahn was read and placed on file.

Absent:

Coms. Bidwell and Wolfram—2.
Ex-Officio Member Sanderson—1.
Ald. Lavey (Council Committee).

A letter from File-A-Way Parking System of Portland, Oregon, was read and placed on file.

The proceedings of the regular meeting of Sept. 9, 1954, were read and approved.

Proceedings of the Executive Committee of October 11, 1954, at which time all executive members of the Parking Commission could be present, were read. These proceedings included resolutions, which were unanimously carried, that the report of Ramp Buildings Corporation for off-street parking in the Central Business District ad the report of the City Plan Commission for off-street parking in Out-

A letter from the Wolverine Parking Company was read and placed on file.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Air Pollution Control Commission OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Dec. 1, 1954

December 1, 1954.

The regular meeting of the Commission was held in the office of the Cemetery and Park Commission and was called to order by the Chairman, Com. Crist.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Andros, Crist, Jones, McClure, Oeming, Valentine, Walters—7.

Absent—Com. Rasmusson—1.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as printed.

Five representatives of the N.Y.C. Railroad and their attorney appeared at the session as requested by the members of the Air Pollution Control Commission.

Mr. Pesterefeld explained to the representatives the problem the Commission was having from the employees of the N.Y.C. R.R. and the major problem was from the lack of co-operation by the personnel.

After much discussion by all parties concerned, Mr. Nichols from Bay City assured the Commissioners "that no stone would be left unturned to correct this situation."

R. S. Peters, foreman at the round-house, also stated that he would try and cooperate to the best of his ability and would take telephone calls at any hour, 2-8368.

November 25, 1954.

Mr. C. H. Jack Crist, Chairman
Air Pollution Control Commission
501 N. Grand Avenue
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Crist:

Most of our difficulties during the month

of November have been with the Garbage Disposal Plant on Sunset Avenue for which such complaints have been filed, one through the City Clerk's office.

A recent letter from Mr. G. F. Wyllie, of the Combustion Engineering, Inc., indicates that they are sending to Lansing an engineer with necessary test apparatus to determine if the Raymond Flash Drying System can be made to work in our plant. I have been very courteous with all concerned because I feel they have a problem that is going to be very difficult to overcome, without discontinuing the Garbage Disposal Plant entirely. I feel we should make every effort, since we have a considerable investment in this plant, to assist those in charge as much as possible.

During the month, your engineer notified the New York Central Railroad Company to appear at our December 1st meeting to show cause for violations at the round house. A recent letter from Mr. J. J. Nicol, Assistant Master Mechanic, indicates that a representative will be at the December 1st meeting of the Commission. Upon the request of Com. McClure, your engineer has spent considerable times in North Lansing observing the round house and the Davison Chemical Plant. We are pleased to report that the Chemical Plant has made several changes which have been for the betterment of the neighborhood. In visitations to this area in the last two or three weeks, I have not encountered a concentration that would warrant possible complaint.

Recent complaints from the Moores River Drive area bears out the fact that considerable fly-ash is being dissipated over the surrounding area from our Moores River Park Plant. Your engineer has been informed by reliable sources that a petition has been circulated in this area and will be presented to the City Council. An earlier report by your engineer stated that considerable time would be necessary before our Board of Water and Light would move upon their volition to correct this difficulty. Contacts with reliable representatives of the Board of Water and Light recently, substantiates this statement.

Respectfully submitted,

Very truly yours,

C. H. PESTERFIELD,

Air Pollution Engineer.

By Com. Oeming—

Resolved, that this Commission report to the City Council that a violation of the Air Pollution Ordinance No. 267 is being created by the Moores Park Power Station and requests that appropriate action be taken to effect compliance.

Carried.

By Com. Jones—

Be it resolved, this Commission report to the City Council that a violation of the Air Pollution Ordinance is being created by the Sewage Disposal Plant and requests that appropriate action be taken to effect compliance.

Carried.

By Com. Valentine—

That Mr. Pesterfield's mileage for the

month of November for the amount of \$13.80 be allowed.

Carried.

By Com. Andros—

That Roscoe Walter be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Commission.

Carried.

Mr. Pesterfield reported on the complaint received because of the burning at the junk yard of Leland Iron and Steel.

This was referred to Mr. Pesterfield to contact the Fire Department and ascertain what could be done to correct the situation.

The December meeting of the Commission was postponed to meet on January 5, 1955, because of the holidays.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

MILLIE M. BROWN,
City Clerk.